IN THE CLAIMS:

On the first page of the claims, first line, change "What is claimed is:" to: --What Is Claimed Is: --.

Please cancel original claims 1 to 18, without prejudice, and cancel substitute claims 1 to 19, without prejudice, in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/EP00/06772.

Please add the following new claims:

(New) A reflectometer comprising:

a silicon substrate;

first subsections disposed on the substrate, each of the first subsections having etched oblique surfaces, the surfaces positioned to that light beams directed incident to the surfaces cause no retroreflection; and

Second subsections having relatively higher reflecting properties as compared to the first subsections;

wherein first subsections and second subsections are alternatively disposed on the substrate in a first direction.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 1, wherein the oblique surfaces comprise a plurality of adjacent V-shaped grooves, the grooves disposed in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction, each of the grooves having a first surface and a second surface.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 2, wherein the grooves are regularly spaced in the first subsections.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 2, wherein the first surface and the second surface of each of the grooves are oriented at an angle of approximately 72° to one another.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 1, wherein the silicon substrate

is monocrystalline silicon, and wherein the first direction corresponds to a direction of the monocrystalline silicon.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 1, wherein a width in the first direction of each of the first subsections is equivalent to a width in the first direction of each of the second subsections.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 2, wherein each of the first subsections further comprises at least one secondary V-shaped groove that extends in the second direction along nearly an entire length of an edge of each of the first subsections.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 1, wherein a coating of highly reflective material is applied to the second subsections.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 1, wherein the oblique surfaces form pyramid-shaped depressions.

(New) The reflectometer as recited in claim 1, wherein the oblique surfaces are positioned so that a light beams directed thereon from a direction of incidence will reflect from the oblique surfaces in a direction that coincides with a direction other than the direction of incidence.



(New) A method for manufacturing a reflectometer comprising the steps of:

providing a silicon substrate;

forming first subsections and second subsections that alternatively extend in a first direction on the silicon substrate, the first subsections and the second subsections having different optical reflecting properties;

wherein, in the first subsections, a plurality of oblique surfaces is produced by deep etching, the oblique surfaces positioned such that no retroreflection of the light beams incident thereto results.

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(New) The method as recited in claim 11 further comprising the step of:

forming a plurality of V-shaped grooves in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction.

(New) The method as recited in claim 12, wherein the forming step includes selectively etching oblique surfaces into the silicon substrate using an etching solution, in a region of the first subsections.

(New) The method as recited in claim 13 further comprising a step, prior to the forming step, of:

covering at least the second subsections with an etching mask on the silicon surface.

(New) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the etching mask is formed from chromium.

34.35. (New) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the etching solution is formed from potassium hydroxide in combination with isopropanol.

3536. (New) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the etching process continues unitl each of the V-shaped grooves is completely formed.

(New) The method as recited in claim 14, further comprising the step of: removing the etching mask after completion of the forming step.

(New) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein a plurality of pyramid-shaped depressions is etched into the silicon substrate in the first subsections.

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1-18, without prejudice, and also cancels substitute claims 1 to 19, without prejudice, in the underlying

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